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regard to what had fallen from the hon. Member from Coimbatore, I said the question will be considered. I think my hon. Friend is referring to the Government of India Order enabling us to consult certain ad hoc board on the question of major improvements, that is the possibility. All that I can say is that the question is under consideration. If further opportunities are given in the course of the general discussion, I will give the further details."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I take it that the answer given is not the proper answer? I have been referred to the Government Order. May I take it that the final order has not been passed?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" At present it represents the opinion of the Government. Unless Government have arrived at a modified policy, this would stand."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" As regards (*c*), may I remind the hon. the Law Member that the Government Order says nothing about it? Clause (*c*) refers to the action being taken in respect of a channel above the dam near Kaveripuram. May I request the hon. Member to say whether he would go into the matter and see if anything could be done?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" I shall have that the matter investigated with reference to the question propounded by the hon. Member."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know whether in apportioning water in big irrigation schemes Government takes into consideration the fact that a particular tract is likely to benefit a large number of small landholders as against a smaller number of big landholders?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" In making programmes of extensions of irrigation, that is a very important matter to be taken into consideration."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know if that fact is taken into consideration in new irrigation schemes or only in case of extensions?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" *A fortiori* new."

Legislation

Introduction of a Tenancy Bill for Malabar.

* 217 *Q*.—Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to introduce any Tenancy Bill for Malabar;

(*b*) whether the Bill contains any provisions to prevent arbitrary evictions and melcharths; and

(*c*) whether the Government intend to give temporary protection to the tenants from arbitrary eviction and melcharth, till the passing of such a Bill?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 51.